

WELCOME TO THE BABY BUNGALOW

GROUP SIZE: 8 | RATIO: 1 CAREGIVER TO 4 CHILDREN

You've spent a lot of time planning for your baby, and so have we! The Baby Bungalow is a separate building on the Small World campus that provides security and stimulation for 8 infants. It is accessed only by a passcard, and is connected to our office by an intercom. Our Bungalow caregivers, who have chosen to care for our youngest children, are trained, efficient, patient, and loving. Parents are welcome to reach them by phone during the day. Each infant has his/her own crib. Parents are welcome to personalize it. Daily Care Sheets provide information about your baby's feedings, naps, diaper changes, with additional comments when needed. Current news and announcements are automatically e-mailed to parents.

Infants love to cuddle in the rocking chair with a caregiver, and explore their surroundings with a variety of age-appropriate equipment, toys, books, and music. They even "talk" to each other, and love to look at themselves in the mirror! Our Bye Bye Buggy takes them for a stroll when weather permits.

WELCOME TO THE NEST

GROUP SIZE: 8 | RATIO: 1 CAREGIVER TO 4 CHILDREN

Nesters, now young toddlers, are more mobile, inquisitive, and independent than infants. Our caregivers, who have chosen to work with this group, are trained to know and respect the limitations and emerging skills of young toddlers. They encourage independence, but offer comfort when needed

The children now use child-size furniture, low cots for naps, and a variety of experiences to develop gross and fine motor abilities. They create their first art masterpieces with boundless energy, enthusiastically dance to music, practice their emerging vocabulary and physical prowess, play with age-appropriate toys, even "read" sturdy books. Our Bye Bye Buggy takes them for a stroll when weather permits.

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WELCOME TO LITTLE STARS

GROUP SIZE: 10 | RATIO: 1 CAREGIVER TO 5 CHILDREN

Older Toddlers have several teeth, newfound skills, and definite opinions. Our Caregivers, who have chosen to work with this age group, gently guide each child's development by planned activities which introduce them to new possibilities every day. One by one they also begin to show interest in our child-size potty in the bathroom.

Little Stars walk, run, go up and down stairs, jump, kick a ball, and invent other whirlwind body movements. Sometimes they even sit! Our indoor and outdoor equipment gives them an opportunity to practice their gross motor skills. They help dress (and sometimes undress) themselves, and love to help a caregiver with chores. Our centers offer opportunities to explore "make believe", science, art, numbers, books, music, and seasonal themes.

The room is splendidly decorated with their creative masterpieces, which will later go home for display on the kitchen fridge. Photos freeze many precious moments in their day. The Parent bulletin board holds information about the curriculum, current themes, daily activities, and other happenings in this busy little community. Current news and announcements are automatically e-mailed to parents.

WELCOME TO THE THREE BEARS AREA (Pre-school area)

GROUP SIZE: 14 | RATIO: 1 CAREGIVER TO 7 CHILDREN

Preschool children can take care of many of their basic needs, can use the bathroom with or without help, begin forming friendships, and use language skills to express their needs. They learn best by doing, with the help of our theme based curriculum, enrichment classes, learning centers, computers, and free play, both indoors and outdoors.

Our caregivers, who have chosen to work with this group, introduce the fundamentals of pre-school concepts. Longer periods of planned activities help them discover the wonderful world of letters, numbers, shapes, science, books, stories, music, art, and seasonal celebrations. But we know that caregivers and children also thrive on spurts of whimsy, and spontaneity.

Their art masterpieces are posted with pride, and taken home for the kitchen fridge. The Parent bulletin board posts photos, and holds information about curriculum, current themes, daily activities, and other happenings.

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WELCOME TO THE PRE-K AREA

GROUP SIZE: 16 | RATIO: 1 CAREGIVER TO 8 CHILDREN

Pre-K children show interest in numbers, decoding printed words, and printing. Their fine motor skills are more refined as reflected in drawings of people with arms and legs. But they are also wigglers and doers, which is great for introducing other cognitive challenges. They explore:

- Math, literacy, arts, science, social studies, and technology
- Citizenship, courtesy, and values

They also practice for Big School by:

- Following directions and waiting their turn
- Working independently for short periods of time
- Working and playing with classmates with a give-and-take attitude
- Contributing their own ideas, and developing their own problem solving capabilities.

Parent bulletin boards display photos, curriculum, daily and weekly activities, and other happenings.

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The caregivers, who have chosen to work with the Pre-K group, nurture and honor the citizens of tomorrow with wit, whimsy, and spontaneity. What a privilege!

PRE-K CURRICULUM:

Houghton-Mifflin Readiness Program: *Ready Steps*

- Auditory Discrimination: Developing an awareness of the similarities and differences in spoken words
- Follow Oral Directions: Comprehending and following a variety of 1, 2, and 3 step directions
- Instructional Language: Understanding terms that are used to comprehend pre-reading instructions
- General Vocabulary: Increasing vocabulary through discussions and identifying words through pictures and stories

- Oral Language Progression: Developing the ability to use the proper words for expressing ideas
 - Listening Comprehension: Developing an understanding of spoken concepts
 - Sequencing: Learning to recall the sequence of events in stories
 - Categorizing: Learning to sort and to classify things with common attributes
 - Letter Form Discrimination: Learning that printed letters are constant in form and can be distinguished from one another
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WELCOME TO FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

GROUP SIZE: 9 | RATIO: 1 caregiver to 9 children

Does it seem that only yesterday you were planning for your child's formula and diapers? Now it's time to plan for Kindergarten. We feature:

- Small class size
- Professional K curriculum and Enrichment Programs
- NYS certified teacher
- Care available from 7am-6pm
- Closed only on major holidays
- Open on school holidays
- Dietician-approved lunch and snacks
- School district materials and services

Morning is dedicated to curriculum in an unhurried and peaceful manner. It includes:

- Curriculum: Houghton-Mifflin Reading and Math programs
- Science and Technology
- Arts: Visual, creative, cultural, and performance
- Social Studies and Skills.

We respect the personality differences and school readiness of each child. Although we cover every aspect of preparation for first grade, it is done in a very nurturing environment. As each child gains skills, we are their cheering section!

WELCOME TO BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

GROUP SIZE: 10 RATIO: 1 CAREGIVER/10 CHILDREN

Serves children in the Penfield school district

Hours open: 7am-6pm

All-day care available on school holidays

Activities, homework help, and pm snack provided